

CHICAGO AMERICAN GIANTS BASEBALL CLUB

Away back in 1887 a great Negro baseball team came into being. Under several different names in the early years, that club as to flourish and blossom into full bloom as the current Chicago American Giants.

Under the aegis of the late Rube Foster, the American Giants for a number of years were to dominate Negro baseball ranks and turn in several startling victories over white major league teams, including the Chicago Cubs and White Sox during the pennant winning days of those clubs from 1906 through 1912. Rube Foster's pitching feats are still talked about and it is a toss-up as to whether he or Satchel Paige is the ranking pitcher of their color in all history.

The American Giants back to its former pre-eminence, play their home games in spacious Comiskey Park, Chicago, site of the annual Negro East vs. West Classic that draws crowds of 50,000 to see the top stars of Negro American League face those of the National League.

The American Giants of 1945 have a top ranking player at each position, and a crack pitching staff. But, more than that, it's a team with dash and hustle and entertaining to watch in action.

The Chicago club streaked to the second half championship of their league in 1943 over such clubs as the Kansas City Monarchs, Birmingham Black Barons, Cincinnati Glows, Memphis Red Sox and Cleveland Buckeyes. In the playoffs with Birmingham, first half winners, the American Giants lost by only a game. Last year they were again in the second half running until the final week of the race.

This season marks the return of "Candy Jim" Taylor as manager of the American Giants. For the last three years he has been piloting the Homestead Grays to Negro National League and Negro World championships.

Jim Taylor bears the same reputation as a manager in Negro baseball ranks, as Connie Mack and Joe McCarthy do in white major league circles.

PROBABLE STARTING LINEUP:

Wyatt	S.S.
Crutchfield	R.F.
J. Smith	C.F.
Pennington	1.B.
McCall	2.B.
Dissant	L.F.
King	3.B.
Barnhill	C.
Jessup	P.
Cornelius	P.
Daniels	P.
McKinnis	P.